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# Mt. Kluchman Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting in Unit 1C

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG013, for the Mt. Kluchman portion of Unit 1C located in the Taku River drainage.

Aerial surveys conducted by ADF&G in September 2016 found a total of 57 goats (41 adults, 16 kids) on Mt. Kluchman. Based on the survey information a guideline harvest of 1-2 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for this portion of the RG013 hunt area. As of Friday August 25, 2017, the reported harvest is 1 female goat for a total of 2 points. Because the guideline harvest has been met and any additional harvest in this area could have long term, negative impacts to the sustainability and future harvest opportunity for this goat herd, **an emergency order (01-05-17) is being issued to close this area at 11:59 pm, on Saturday August 26, 2017.**

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1(C) remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.

Please call the Douglas Area office at (907) 465-4265 for more information.

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